

## Appendix E: Additional recommendations identified in RTAC summaries or as updated by the RTACs

Complete Regional Advisory Reports and summaries prepared by the seven Regional Transportation Advisory Committees (RTACs) with support from Regional Planning Commission Staff are available at [www.state.me.us/mdot/planning/planningdiv/rars.htm](http://www.state.me.us/mdot/planning/planningdiv/rars.htm)

	RTAC 1	RTAC 2	RTAC 3	RTAC 4	RTAC 5	RTAC 6	RTAC 7
Continue 10 year upgrade schedule for arterials	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Continue or shorten 20 year upgrade schedule for major collectors	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Consider redirecting State funds for local roads to major collector improvements					x		
Evaluate effectiveness of local match in Urban/Rural Initiative Program.					x		
Develop urban collector improvement program	x						
Continue or increase investment in minor Collectors	x	x					
Improve North-Soute corridors	x						
Improve East-West corridors				x		x	x
Improve bridges at international crossings.	x						
Construct more passing lanes on arterials		x	x				
Require developers to pay for infrastructure degradation						x	
Direct highway investment priorities based more on safety						x	x
Support transportation demand management						x	
<b>Communities and Transportation</b>							
Strengthen Access Management rules			x	x		x	
Enforce Access Management rules				x	x	x	
Continue access management outreach/coordination with communities and other agencies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage municipalities to adopt access management ordinances				x	x		
Provide public outreach and safety training			x		x	x	x
Increase support for corridor planning and community transportation planning efforts				x	x	x	x
Link collector improvements to community planning				x		x	
Assist towns in planning for impacts from transportation improvements					x		x
Require a stronger transportation component in Comprehensive Plans					x	x	
Earlier Coordination with Communities on projects					x	x	
<b>Trucking</b>							
Prioritize truck routes for upgrade and repair	x	x	x	x			
Develop a database of truck route information to be used in corridor planning	x			x			
Lower truck weight limits on State highways or raise Interstate truck weights		x	x	x	x	x	
Decrease truck weight limits					x		
Examine truck user fees and construction methods on heavy haul highways		x	x				
Enforce truck weight limits	x				x	x	x
Support development of pipelines to reduce the need for trucking.						x	

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<b>Railroads</b>							
Encourage rail development for freight transport	x	x	x	x	x		x
Preserve rail right of ways and infrastructure	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Explore public-private partnerships for rail improvements	x	x					
Continue to promote the Industrial Rail Access Program	x		x	x	x		x
Designate new key regional rail corridors			x	x	x		
Promote economic development along existing rail corridors			x	x			
Restore of key freight and/or passenger rail connections		x		x	x		x
Optimize use of State owned tracks				x		x	
Improve rail crossing safety	x			x			
Encourage use of rail over trucking	x			x		x	x
<b>Intermodal Facilities</b>							
Investigate public-private partnerships	x			x			
Explore user needs	x			x	x	x	
Explore all funding options	x				x		
Invest in park and rides at key regional locations		x		x			x
Provide incentives for use of multi-occupant vehicles		x				x	
Provide intermodal passenger opportunities in downtowns, at airports and at train stations		x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Airports</b>							
Support statewide Aviation Systems Plan	x						
Explore all funding options	x						
Explore options for expanded passenger air service	x						x
Invest in airport infrastructure	x	x					x
Explore incentive to use air services	x						
Strengthen intermodal links to regional airports		x	x				x
<b>Bicycle/Pedestrian</b>							
Continue with shoulder paving policy	x	x		x	x	x	X
Include more pedestrian bicycle facilities in highway projects	x		x		x	x	X
Encourage planning for sidewalks	x			x		x	
Support separated bike routes					x		
Explore additional bicycle routes	x	x		x			
Support Northern Maine Bicycle Plan	x						
<b>Marine</b>							
Improve arterials/mobility in support of Maine's Seaports	x	x					x
Support Improvements to Searsport and Eastport	x	x					
Continue to fund Small Harbor Improvement Program		x					

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<b>Public Transit</b>							
Provide transit service from suburban areas to service centers	x		x	x	x	x	x
Support public transit facilities and equipment	x				x	x	
Explore public-private partnerships	x	x		x		x	
Support marketing of local providers	x					x	x
Provide transit opportunities to elderly and disabled	x	x		x		x	
Explore expansion of Maine's marine highway along its rivers and coast		x	x		x	x	
<b>Environment</b>							
Encourage alternative fuels						x	x
Make carpooling more attractive						x	
Streamline Scenic Byways Program		x					x
Explore funding environmentally friendly modes of transportation		x				x	
Respect historic properties and open space						x	
Speed up air mitigation projects					x		
<b>Funding</b>							
Explore funding methods tied to market conditions and technology		x					x
Invest in transportation for economic growth	x	x		x			x
Consider tolls as funding mechanism			x		x		
Increase gas tax for additional highway improvements			x		x		